



Who's There?

Supplies

- Bible
- stuffed dog
- dog toy
- several pieces of dry dog food
- dog leash

Easy Prep

- Hide the stuffed dog somewhere in the room. Place the dog toy, a few pieces of dog food, and the leash in different parts of the room. They should be visible but not obvious. If you have more than 20 kids, consider dividing into groups and placing clues for each group to find its own stuffed dog.

Look for Clues

Say: **Today we're learning that God is real, even if we can't see him. Speaking of not being able to see God, we have a friend visiting us today, (look around) but I can't see the friend right now. Let's look for clues to figure out who it might be.**

Encourage kids to stay seated but look around for something in the room that doesn't belong. As soon as one child identifies one of your dog objects, regain kids' attention and point it out.

Ask: • **Who do you think it is?** Listen to a few guesses, but don't tell kids whether their guesses are correct. Just respond with things such as "That's a good thought," "Maybe," or "You might be right."

Say: **Those are some great guesses. Why don't you look for more clues to be sure?** Allow kids to search for clues again, together as a group. When a child finds a second dog object, invite kids to share what they think it is. Then move on to find the third object.. Say: **I'm sure you know it's some sort of dog now. See if you can find it.** Have kids search, and gather everyone when the stuffed dog has been found. Allow time for kids to pass the dog around if they want to see it.

Talk About Clues

Say: **We found things that showed us this stuffed dog was here, even before we could see it. The Bible tells us that God put things all around us to show us he's real, even if we can't see him.**

Listen to this. Read aloud Acts 14:17.

Share some things you've seen around you that show *you* God is real. It may be a beautiful sunset, a bird soaring through the air, or even the kids in your class.

Ask: • **What are some things God made that show *you* he's real?** Encourage kids to think about things in nature or special people in their lives.

Say: **Even before we saw the stuffed dog, we saw clues in our room that the dog had come to visit. Someday we'll get to see God in heaven. But today we can see clues all around us that God is real and he's with us. We just need to look for them.** Lead kids to pray and thank God for some of the things they listed.